

The present trip is the first that the four men have made in a fishing schooner and their reason for deserting is that their experiences have not been to their liking. When they shipped on the Tibbo they did so with the object of liquidating a debt to the vessel's owners, and as their share of the catch is sufficient to satisfy the claims against them, they felt justified in leaving the schooner and taking a chance of finding something to do in Cape Breton.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

The Japanese fishing schooner Sunburst was destroyed recently at Vancouver, B. C., by an explosion of gasoline. Two young Japanese and an elderly man named Yamashita, who were in the hold, were blown high into the air, and the latter sustained a broken leg. The two younger men were not seriously injured. A shad weighing twelve pounds was caught in the Chesapeake Bay near Cape Charles, Va., on April 23, by Sterling Brothers. This catch is regarded as the largest this season.

Canadian Fish Movements.

Yarmouth—Small boats report good codfishing close inshore.
Sand Point—Cod fair; lobsters scarce.
Liverpool—Cod, haddock and herring plenty; alewives and lobsters fair.
Lunenburg—Cod plenty; lobsters scarce.
Musquodoboit—Lobsters plenty.
Spry Bay—Lobsters fair.
Port Malcom—Lobsters plenty.
West Arichat—Cod and lobsters fair; herring scarce.
Arichat—Cod, herring and lobsters fair.
Frozen bait at Canso and Mulgrave.

Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. Ella M. Doughty was at Portland Wednesday with a big fare of fish, over 35,000 pounds.
Steamer Robert & Edwin also came in with 7000 pounds of mixed fish. All kinds of fish find their way into the steamer's nets. Included in the haul made yesterday were two good sized halibut and 27 lobsters.
Sloop Highland Belle had 1000 pounds and sloop Laconia 2000 pounds.

May 14.

BOND BADLY DEFEATED.

Has But 10 Out of 35 Seats in Newfoundland.

The sun of Ex-premier Bond of Newfoundland has been put in total eclipse by the returns of the last general election on Saturday. The returns are now practically complete, and show the overwhelming election of Premier Morris, with whom Bond tied on elections last winter.

In the November election, each side succeeded in electing 18 members of the legislature, this tying up things to such an extent that Saturday's election was necessary.

The returns up to last night show that Premier Morris will have 26 members of the legislature against 10 supporters of Sir Robert Bond. Four districts missing, gave heavy Bondite majorities in the last election, and these are conceded to that party, so that the figures will undoubtedly stand.

The election campaign was the bitterest ever waged on the island, and the Morrisites are wild with joy and jubilantly celebrating at every city, town and hamlet.

Today's Receipts.

- Sch. Juniata, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Rena A. Percy, Bay of Fundy, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, south seining.
- Sch. Arthur James, south seining.
- Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, south seining.
- Sch. Judique, south seining.
- Sch. Grayling, south seining.
- Sch. Arcadia, south seining.
- Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, south seining.
- Sch. Speculator, south seining.
- Sch. Frances J. O'Hara, Jr., south seining.
- Sch. Slade Gorton, south seining.
- Sch. Lena and Maud, south seining.
- Sch. Arabia, south seining.
- Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, south seining.
- Sch. Romance, south seining.
- Sch. Cynthia, south seining.
- Steamer Water Witch, shore, 14,000 lbs. pollock.
- Steamer Bessie A., shore, 9000 lbs. pollock.
- Steamer Quartette, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore, 100,000, lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Almeida, via Boston.
- Sch. Josie and Phebe, via Boston.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.
- Sch. Athena, via Boston.
- Sch. Matchless, via Boston.
- Sch. Flavilla, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.
- Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.
- Sloop Sarah, mackerel netting.
- Sch. Gladiator, south seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$3; snapper do., \$1.75.
Bank halibut 8 1-2 cents per pound for white and 6 1-2 cents per pound for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Large "halibut" cod, salt, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.50; snapper do., \$1.50.
Large "Drift" Georges cod, salt, \$3.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snapper do., \$1.75.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt., medium, \$2.50, snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Harbor Notes.

Schs. Regina and Matchless are on Burnham's railways the former repairing her shoe and keel.
Sch. Motor is being fitted with a Lathrop gasoline engine.

Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Minerva, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Stranger, 3500 haddock, 5000 cod.
- Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2500 haddock, 200 cod.
- Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, 6000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake, 10,000 cusk, 1200 halibut.
- Sch. Lena May, 2000 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Matlanna, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 500 haddock, 12,000 cod.
- Haddock, \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.75; market cod, \$1; hake, 75 cts.

May 15.

Nova Scotia Fisherman Injured.

William Mason, one of the crew of the fishing schooner Montana lying at Boutillier's wharf, Halifax, received rather severe injuries Thursday afternoon. The schooner is fitting out for the banks, and is taking ice on board. While one of the blocks, weighing 200 pounds, was being hoisted aboard, the tackle broke, and the ice struck Mason on the head. He was rendered unconscious, and was removed to the Victoria General hospital.

Skipper Was Sick.

Sch. William H. Rider, one of the Georges handline fleet, came in this morning, after being out only a short time, being obliged to return on account of the illness of her skipper, Capt. Nils Larsen, who was taken ill on the fishing ground.

MAY CHANGE PACIFIC LOCATION.

New England Fish Company Considering Removal From Vancouver.

Dominion Government Forbids Competition in Local Market.

That the New England Fish Company, located at Vancouver, B. C., which has operated modern power fishing schooners in the waters off Queen Charlotte Islands for the last fifteen years, is seriously considering the removal of its entire plant and business, representing an investment of a million dollars, to some American port, because of the action of the Dominion government recently in forbidding the company to compete in the local market has been brought to light by the visit to Victoria, B. C., of one of the directors of the company, N. D. Freeman, of Boston, says the Vancouver World. Mr. Freeman came to Vancouver and held a consultation with the local manager of the company.

It is also known that the only alternative, aside from the removal of the company's business to some other port, which has been considered by the company's officials, is the favorable action upon by the Canadian government of a protest regarding the department's action and a request to again be allowed to sell to the local market.

Canadian fishermen are reported to be planning the operation of a fleet of fishing schooners out of Vancouver if the New England Fish Company removes its business to Bellingham, as is threatened. The Vancouver World says:

A practical combine of local fishing companies, using Canadian and British bottoms and Canadian crews throughout, and representing a total capital invested of approximately \$600,000, is preparing to fight what they term American invasion of their rightful fishing grounds and make a strenuous endeavor to raise the price of fish, which they say has been lowered from six cents at one time to 3 1/2 cents a pound at present. Speaking authoritatively for the Canadian fish companies, Harry West, manager of the Billingsgate Fish Company, said recently:

"Things have come to such a pass with the competition in the field against us that we have been forced to get together in an informal way

to protect our business. With us in this, as you might call it, defensive alliance, are the Columbia Cold Storage Company, the Canadian Fish Company, the Wallace Packing Company, ourselves and several other smaller concerns, representing an aggregate of about \$600,000 and a total of two large schooners, 130 Indian canoes and some fifteen or more schooners lying idle at the present time. These are beside the Celestial Empire and the Flamingo, both large vessels. Our own schooners are the Sea Bird and the Tanana. At Port Simpson we have 50 Indian canoes fishing for us and 80 others through Wallace Brothers. The Japanese schooner Sunburst, which was burned recently, was also one of our fleet, and we took off her 26,000 pounds of fish just before she was destroyed.

"It was through our efforts, we being really the only organized concern in the local fish trade which brings fresh halibut for sale here, that the protest to the Dominion government was made regarding the New England Fish Company being allowed special privileges that were not granted to us. We hold that our competitors have not sent their best fish to the local market, but only the 'culls,' while we have always maintained a high grade of fish for our own market."

May 15.

Five Arrivals at Boston.

Only five boats are at T wharf, Boston, this morning, and they have only 27,000 pounds altogether. There is nothing doing on price, for haddock are as low as 75 cents, with about splitting prices for codfish.

FISHING FIRM ASSIGNED.

Gardner & Parsons Have Liabilities of \$30,000.

The firm of Gardner & Parsons, consisting of William H. Gardner and William Parsons, vessel owners and outfitters, made an assignment to Edgar S. Taft, Esq., yesterday, for the benefit of their creditors.

The liabilities are in the neighborhood of \$30,000, and the assets are four vessels, six seines, six seine boats and a gasoline boat, valued in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

There is one preferred claim of \$100, also taxes amounting to about \$900, and the largest secured creditor is the Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Company, \$9000, protected by endorsement and mortgages on the vessels.

The largest unprotected creditor is Mrs. Elizabeth Leighton for rent of wharf.

There appears to be a disposition on the part of the creditors not to force the firm into bankruptcy, and there is some talk of allowing them to settle for about 40 cents on the dollar and continue in business.

NEW PACIFIC HALIBUT CO.

Said to be Contemplated by English Capitalists.

Coincident with the report that the New England Fish Company, is preparing to transfer its Pacific shipping headquarters from Vancouver, B. C., to Seattle on account of the opposition shown toward the company by the Canadian authorities, comes the announcement from Vancouver that an English corporation is preparing to enter the field in opposition to the New England Fish Company.

It is reported that Sylvester S. Sweetenham, brother of an English baronet, is in Vancouver to start arrangements for a giant concern. He is prepared to invest \$2,000,000 in cash in a company to operate with headquarters at Prince Rupert, whence shipments of halibut will eventually be made over the Grand Trunk Pacific to eastern cities of the United States.

ICE FLOES OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

Said to be Responsible for Light Catch of Fish.

The numerous floes of ice which still remain along the north coast of Newfoundland are believed to be partially responsible for the small quantity of fish which has been received in St. Johns this season. The condition is also ascribed to the fact that on account of the intense interest manifested in the recent election many of the fishermen of the outports delayed bringing their fish to market until they had cast their votes.

The entire amount of fish brought to this city during the spring does not exceed 3000 quintals, which is very small in comparison to other seasons. Most of the fish came in small quantities and brought varying prices, usually on the basis of the figures of last fall. It is not expected that many large catches will be brought in until about the end of the present month.

CONRAD SLIGHTLY INJURED.

Sch. Madonna Met Rough Weather on Passage to Lunenburg, N. S.

Sch. Madonna of this port, Capt. Alvin Selig, now absent on a banks dory handling trip, arrived at Lunenburg, N. S., Thursday, where she will get the balance of her crew and proceed to the banks. The schooner encountered rough weather on the trip from here.

For three days she was under reefs and hove too. A sea boarded her on Saturday night, striking Hillary Conrad, the man on the lookout, and throwing him with great violence against the windlass. He was washed to the break, where he was picked up by his shipmates before the next sea boarded. Fortunately he received only slight injuries.

Ice Floe on Quero Bank.

The great ice floe, which sweeps out of the Gulf of St. Lawrence every spring, has drifted down across the fishing grounds off Cape North and on Quero Bank, and is seriously hampering the operations of the fishing fleet.

The halibuting sch. Dictator, Capt. Thompson of this port, arrived at North Sydney, C. B., Thursday, with her bow damaged and head gear carried away as a result of her encounter with drift ice. The Dictator is three weeks from here and during that time has been on Quero bank. The schooner has on board 30,000 pounds of cod and 7000 pounds of halibut, and reports fish as being fairly plentiful. Repairs will be made at North Sydney.

Sch. Catherine G. Burke, Capt. Olsen, also from this port, came into been unable to proceed to the banks on account of the ice. Several other fishing vessels are anchored in North Sydney harbor awaiting the drift ice to clear from the coast before venturing out again.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

During March the value of anchovies and sardines imported into the United States was \$169,903; of pickled or salted herring, \$169,942; of mackerel, \$132,783; of lobsters, canned or uncanned, \$64,085; of salmon, \$116,785; of shrimps and other shellfish, and turtles, \$21,644.

Fishing nets, trawl lines, gilling thread in balls, head ropes, barked marine and net morsels of cotton, hemp and flax and deep sea fish nets to the value of \$700,000 are imported by Canada annually, more than half from the United States, according to a report of Consul Gen. David F. Wilbur of Halifax. Great Britain supplies almost all the remainder. Cotton netting is most extensively used, the average price being 10 cents per pound.

Cape Breton Lobster Fishery.

The Cape Breton lobster fishermen and packers seem to be unable to agree upon a price for lobsters this season. Particularly at Main-a-dieu there is a most determined opposition on the part of the fishermen to accept any figure less than \$3.65 per cwt. The Lunenburg fishermen want \$3, but several of them will fish for less prices. Some traps were set out last Friday, but Saturday a lot of drift ice came on the shore and the fishermen had to hurry and get their traps ashore again. Unless a change of wind to the northward occurs there will not likely be any traps set out this week. The season thus will be considerably shortened.

Lunenburg Fishing Notes.

Some good fares are being reported from the banking fleet. Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Mack, has 600 quintals, and sch. Hiawatha, Capt. Knock, an equal amount. The weather has been very rough, only one fine day since the former vessel has been on the banks. She goes to the Magdalens for bait.

The Riverport sch. Ambition, Capt. Albert Himmelman, is reported with 700 quintals. Capt. Himmelman is one of the crack county skippers and is always among the leaders.

Sch. Transvaal is fitting for the banks.

Dominion Ice Report.

As telegraphed by the superintendent of the signal service, Quebec, to the Halifax Board of Trade, Thursday:

Cape St. Lawrence—Light open ice distant, moving northeast.

Capt North—Dense fog.

Low Point—Heavy open ice distant five miles, moving northeast.

Other points—No ice.

Will Salt Fish at Newburyport.

John Nagle & Co., the well known fresh fish and bait dealers, who have a branch house at Newburyport, have gone into the salting of fish at that port also. The lighter Eagle went over from here Wednesday with 200 tons of salt for the concern, which has also installed a big ice shaver.

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mettacommet, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, south seining.

Sch. Hattie M. Graham, south seining.

Sch. William H. Rider, Georges, 5000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Hope, haddocking.
Sch. Juniata, haddocking.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, Boston.
Sch. Josie and Phebe, haddocking.
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.
Sch. Edward A. Rich, Georges.
Sch. Gracie, south netting.
Sch. Patriot, Rips.
Sch. Speculator, seining.
Sch. Saladin, seining.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, seining.
Sch. Ingomar, seining.
Sch. Arabia, seining.
Sch. Victor, seining.
Sch. Indiana, south, seining.
Sch. Rena A. Percy, haddocking.
Sch. Alice R. Lawson, dory handling.

Harbor Notes.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. Athena is on Parkhurst's railways.

Schs. Hattie A. Heckman and Flavilla are on Burnham's railways.

Schs. Gladstone and Fish Hawk are taking salt from the salt bark.

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Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt.; medium, \$2.50, snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. James R. Clark landed 4200 pounds of halibut and cod at Yarmouth, N. S., Wednesday, and the sloop Viola landed 4000 halibut and cod.

Sch. Margaret arrived at Canso, N. S., Wednesday last and cleared.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Steamer Reliance.
Sch. Emma S. Briggs, Boston for Rockland.
Sch. Hastings, Boston for Rockland.
Br. sch. Stella Maud, Boston for St. John, N. B.
Sch. Charles H. Sprague, Boston for Portland.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Emerald, 4200 haddock, 2000 cod, 400 hake.
Sch. Dixie, 4000 cod.
Sch. Eva Avina, 3000 cod.
Sch. Marian, 4000 cod.
Haddock, 75 cts. to \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.90 to \$2; market cod, \$1.50.

Portland Arrivals.

The following were at Portland Thursday with fresh fish fares:
Sch. Mineola, 10,000 pounds.
Sch. Fannie Reed, 6000 pounds.
Steamer Robert and Edwin, 8000 pounds.

Canadian Fish Movements.

Digby—Cod and lobsters fair.
Pubnico—Alewives fair; lobsters scarce.
Sand Point—Cod fair; lobsters scarce.
Liverpool—Cod, haddock and herring plenty; alewives and lobsters fair.
Musquodoboit—Lobsters fair.
Spry Bay—Lobsters fair.
Salmon River—Lobsters fair.
Isaac's Harbor—Lobsters fair; few cod and herring reported.
Whitehead—Haddock fair; herring scarce.
Queensport—Herring and lobsters fair; cod and haddock scarce.
Port Malcom—Lobsters plenty.
West Arichat—Cod and lobsters fair.
Arichat—Haddock fair; lobsters scarce.
L'Ardoise—Haddock, herring and lobsters fair.
St. Ann's—Herring plenty; lobsters scarce.
Margaree—Alewives fair; herring scarce.
Port Hood—Herring plenty; lobsters scarce.
Paspebiac—Herring plenty.
Magdalen Islands—Herring very plentiful; lobsters fair.
Anticosti, English Bay—Herring plenty.